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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.114

In response to the Final Office Action of June 18, 2002, Applicants respectfully request reexamination and reconsideration in view of the following amendments and remarks. The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the following amendments:

In the Claims:

Please cancel claim 13.

Please amend claims 2, 3, 4, 8, 12, 14 and 15 as follows:

- (Twice Amended) A recombinant expression cassette, comprising the polynucleotide of claim 12 operably linked to a promoter.
- 3. (Twice Amended) A host cell comprising the polynucleotide of claim 12.

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